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## REPORTS EVIDENCES OF DISSENT ON ESTABLISHED FOREIGN POLICY

In the eyes of the Communists, all thoughts not in harmony with those of the party are regarded as reactionary. As outlined by Mao Tse-tung in his speech given on 1 July 1949, the basic foreign policy of the CCP government is one of close relationship with the Soviet Union. However, it is said that there are many among the Communists who believe that neutrality and continued friendship with the western nations are more advantageous than supporting the Soviet Union unconditionally.

One of these men was Hsiao Chun who wrote an article in the Wen-hua Jih-pao of Ha-erh-pin on 1 August 1949 criticizing the Soviet Union as an imperialistic nation. It is said that he further contended that to subjugate China under Marxism and Leninism as well as Mao's political theories would make mechanical beings of the Chinese people. Hsiao is now in detention at a factory, learning from the workers.

It is also reliably reported that a heated argument took place between two cliques at the Political Consultative Conference held in Pei-ping over the question of wholehearted allegiance to the Soviet Union. Mao was finally called to intervene in the dispute. Needless to say, Mao supported those who advocated close relationship with the Soviet Union.

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